live by All India Radio but 15 minute resume were broadcast on the same day for the benefit of listeners. The matches played in Toronto were not covered live because of financial constraints and technical difficulties.

(d) Does not arise .

Air India Service for Hyderabad-Singapore-Kuala Lumpur

257. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air India propose to connect Hyderabad with Singapore and Kuala Lumpur on reciprocal landing right basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and time by which these flights are likely to be started;

(c) whether the Government also propose to connect Hyderabad with all Gulf countries keeping in view of large population of muslims visiting these countries from Hyderabad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) and (b) Air India has no plans at present to start direct operation from Hyderabad to Singapore/Kuala Lumpur. However, the present operation of Indian Airlines between Hyderabad and Bangalore/ Chennai provide immediate connections to Singapore.

(c) and (d) Hyderabad is directly connected to Kuwait, Jeddah, Muscat and Sharjah. Hyderabad is also connected over Mumbai to Dubai, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi,Doha, Dharan and Bahrain. Operation of more direct flights from Hyderabad to Gulf will depend upon traffic potential and availability of aircraft capacity.

Standard of Films

258. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the films being shown on TV, are not upto the standard and these cannot be seen by whole family members sitting together; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the standard of our culture through TV media?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) Only those films are telecast on Doordarshan, which are certified by the Central Board of Films Certification for universal screening. Moreover, these are further previewed before their telecast to ensure that they are fit for family viewing.

As far as telecast of films on foreign satellite TV channels are concerned, they do not come within the purview of rules and regulations of this country, as they are uplinked from outside India. Government has already introduced Broadcasting Bill in Parliament , which , *inter alia*, provides for bringing these channels within the purview of Indian laws and regulations.

Purchase by CPWD

259. SHRI I. D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether CPWD electrical divisions are purchasing inferior quality of electrical items;

(b) if so, the details of the policy/criteria of the Government in this regard;

(c) the names of the items purchased by CPWD electrical divisions in Delhi, during each of the last two years, item-wise,rate-wise;

(d) Whether CPWD has made purchases directly from the manufacturers on rates other than rate contract agreed upon by the DGS & D and the manufacturers;

(e) if so, the names and quality of the items purchased during each of the last two years, manufacturer-wise,Division-wise,month-wise; and

(f) whether CPWD has violated the Government policy/instructions in this regard and if so , the steps taken by the government to check the non-recurrence?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Normally the purchases in CPWD are made from three sources :

(i) Items which are on rate/running contract with DGS & D are procured by directly placing order through them.

(ii) For items not on rate contract purchases are made by call of competitive quotations.

(iii) Items are also procured from Kendriya Bhandar Super Bazar as per existing Government instructions.

(c) These details are being collected .